

Presque Isle Downs Selections and Analysis by Dick Powell Monday 10/19/20

Race One:

1st: **(2) ABLE BAKER CHARLIE** – beat cheaper by 14 lengths two starts back on the dirt at Mountaineer Park then came back there to win again. 10-year-old son of Indian Charlie has won four times here in the past and should be fit third start off a brief rest.

2nd: **(10) BREZNO** – horse for the course has won 14 times here and has 31 other placings in 62 starts. He just missed in a long sprint three starts back then was an even third in a wide trip from post 10 going six furlongs in very fast time.

3rd: **(8) I'M A COOL MAN** – he's winless in five starts here but has some speed ratings that make him competitive in here.

Race Two:

1st: **(4) BOZZINI** – was a good second two starts back on the dirt at Finger Lakes against allowance foes then tired after six furlongs there. He ships in for his Tapeta debut for Jeremiah Englehart who wins 21% with this surface switch.

2nd: **(5) TEMPLE CITY STAR** – looked good beat \$20K claimers three starts back in his second start off the long layoff. He rallied for third next time out but was dull last out after pressing the pace wide. Ron Potts wins 19% with Huber Villa-Gomez.

3rd: **(3) DIXIE HIGHWAY** – didn't run bad in his first start in over a year going six furlongs in very fast time.

Race Three:

1st: **(5) COLONEL MOORHEAD** – missed by a head three starts back on the turf at Penn National then dropped down in class there and won. He raced evenly last out and now ships here while dropping down to bottom claimers for Hugh McMahon – 30% with this drop.

2nd: **(4) SAMURAI ZIP** – horse for the course has won 17 times here and is still going strong this year at the age of 10 with two wins and two seconds. He has enough speed to stalk the pace and the long sprint distance should not be a problem.

3rd: **(6) GREATEST GAME** – horse for the course drops to the bottom in the last week of the season for Kevin Rice.

Race Four:

1st: **(11) PAZZION** – will be very tough if she draws in from the also-eligible list. Sent off as the 9-5 favorite in her career debut on the dirt at Saratoga, she tired badly but came back at the Finger Lakes and showed good speed to the deep stretch.

2nd: **(4) THREATLEVELMIDNITE** – flashed decent speed from the outside before weakening in her well-bet career debut in a turf sprint at Monmouth Park. She drops down to maiden claimers for Jonathan Thomas who wins 34% with his second-time starters.

3rd: **(2) PARKIN IN THE REAR** – first-time starter from Tim Girten who wins 26% with his debut runners is training well here.

Race Five:

1st: **(2) MADITA** – makes her Tapeta debut off some solid turf efforts in American and Germany. She missed by a length in a stakes race at Kentucky Downs when she rallied from off the pace but she has better speed than that and is training on Tapeta at Fair Hill.

2nd: **(8) FORGOTTEN PEACE** – speedy filly is always a threat to take them down the road no matter what the class level. Daughter of Jersey Town has gone gate to wire in four of her five starts here this season. Tim Girten wins 27% first start after a win.

3rd: **(7) XENOBIA** – won a grade three stakes race on the turf at Belmont Park last year and has serious speed if called upon.

Race Six:

1st: **(4) I ZOOM** – might be the ultimate horse for the course with 18 career wins here and she is still winning here at the age of eight. She dropped down to this claiming level last out and went gate to wire for Ron Potts who wins 17% first start after a win.

2nd: **(1) FAITH FACTOR** – beat bottom level claimers two starts back then moved way up in class and was only beaten a length. She drops back down to a realistic class level for Gerry Brooks who wins 27% with this move.

3rd: **(9) GOODNIGHT MOON** – drops way down in class off a sharp win against state-bred allowance foes.

Race Seven:

1st: **(2) NAUGHTY ME** – won twice here last year against good company. Off the long layoff, she just missed two starts back then was a similar third against \$20K claimers. She drops way down here for Don Buckner who wins 12% with his overall claimers.

2nd: **(4) OUR PROMISE** – beat similar company here in July then ran well in her next two starts. She raced evenly last out and now drops down in class for Tim Hamm who wins 17% with his sprint starters and 14% when he rides Israel Rodriguez.

3rd: **(6) STATUS SYMBOL** – ran well over a series of wet tracks over the winter at Mahoning Valley but showed good speed here last out.

Race Eight:

1st: **(1) EPIC** – just missed two starts back in his Tapeta debut then moved up in class off the claim by Joe Martin and won going away behind a slow pace. He meets the same level and Martin wins 28% when he rides Pablo Morales.

2nd: **(3) POST CLOSE** – didn't run bad two starts back against much better company then dropped down in class and won easily when he closed from off a fast pace. He moves back up in class for Joe Martin who wins 41% when he rides Huber Villa-Gomez.

3rd: **(5) GEARHEAD** – returns to the races off a 382-day layoff and is training well on the Tapeta at Fair Hill for Mike Trombetta.

Race Nine:

1st: **(8) SNIPER SIS** – one-dimensional closer came from way back to get third going 5 ½ furlongs then flew home to miss by a length going six. Now, she stretches farther out for Ron Potts who wins 17% with his maiden claimers and faces weak company here.

2nd: **(2) NORMANS GIRL GAYLE** – did nothing in her first six career starts on the dirt but then shipped here and was a wide-trip fourth going six furlongs in decent time. Lance Stokes is 4 for 10 second start out of barn and 29% with his overall maiden claimers.

3rd: **(3) ISLAND BETTY** – has good early speed which should help her against this bulky field.

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